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Subject:	Urging NO vote on disturbing Apr 23 proposed resolution that unfairly singles out a single country and firm
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Dear Council Members:

Many, including myself, find the April 23 proposed resolution boycotting HP disturbing on many levels and urge a NO vote. Two of the reasons follow:

1. **Blatant Double Standard**: It singles out a single country and company when many US products are used by regimes with far more troubling actions than the worst accusations against Israel. Apple products are used by the Chinese government, which practices human rights abuses; Facebook is used by the Russian regime to stifle opposition, including in Russia-occupied Crimea & Georgia; the Philippines, North Korean, Syrian, and Myanmar regimes undoubtedly use Microsoft products in their implementation of abhorrent activities, and there are many other examples. Unless Cambridge is planning to boycott usage of products by Apple, Facebook, Microsoft, and many others, the double standard is in itself disturbing.

2. **Accusations One-Sided and Resolution Hinders Peace**: The accusations against Israel by the organization advocating this resolution espouse extreme one-sided views of a complex history of the conflict. They ignore that Israel has offered peace plans multiple times over decades entailing a two-state solution, including a Palestinian state, each time rejected by Palestinian leaders who walked away from talks and turned to violence. Many in the Palestinian camp still call for Israel's complete destruction and promote murder of civilians. This resolution does nothing to promote peace, which can be attained, per wide consensus, only when both sides make compromises and accept each others' right to a country.

For fairness and credibility of the Council, I respectfully urge a "no" vote.

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